

Comments

Applicant respectfully requests that new claims 11 through 42 be entered into the present case and reconsidered for allowance.

It is important to point out that new claims 11 through 42 should not be viewed as narrowing amendments to any of claims 1 through 10 for reasons related to patentability. Applicant believes each of claims 1 through 42 to be patentable. Applicant has introduced new claims 11 through 42 because they have commercial value rather than as a sacrifice of claimable subject matter. As such, the present amendment is neither made for reasons related to patentability or to be construed as a narrowing amendment to any of existing claims 1 through 10. As such, the full benefit of the doctrine of equivalents should be applied to new claims 11 through 42 as well as existing claims 1 through 10.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

New claims 11-42 have been added.